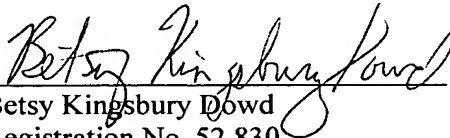


IV. Claim 31: drawn to a method for measuring mean polarization mode dispersion, class 356, subclass 73.1.

Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims of **Group I**, Claims 1-10, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) corresponding to one or more of the remaining three groups of claims.

In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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